

## **ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF FILEY**

**Wednesday 2 April 2014**

**held at the Town Council Offices, 52A Queen Street, Filey**

Chaired by Councillor John Shackleton, Town Mayor of Filey  
and minutes taken by the Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs M Prentice

Present : 8 Town Councillors & Mrs G Robinson, Town Clerk  
Borough Councillor M Cockerill, Borough/County Councillor S Cross,  
Sgt C Gosling, North Yorkshire Police, Natalie Bosomworth, Editor Filey Bay  
Today, Representative of Yorkshire Coast Radio, 8 residents of the town  
and/or representatives of Filey organisations.

Apologies : Cllrs K Burton (illness), T Willis (illness), E Holden (personal) and J Thurston  
(work) together with Boro Cllr C Haddington (work) and Cty Cllr J Blackburn  
(illness)

Cllr Shackleton reminded everyone present of the emergency evacuation procedure in the  
event of an emergency taking place.

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

It was noted that the Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with  
Schedule 12 paragraph 15 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April 2013, as circulated were  
accepted as a true record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

### **NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE REPORT**

Sgt Gosling stated that crime figures were down from 301 to 225. He stated that the Police  
had been open one year in their new premises and there had been an increase in foot fall  
due to the public using the facilities at the Evron Centre and visiting the Police at the same  
time.

A member of the public enquired how many Special Constables they had and was informed  
that they had eight.

### **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL BY CLLR JOHN SHACKLETON**

Filey Town Council has worked hard over the last twelve months in order to represent the  
best interests of the whole community and has met its legal responsibilities expected from a  
Quality Assured Council.

Filey Town Council is non-political and does not allow any political views into the Council  
Chamber which ensures that all councillors are working for the community and not in the  
interests of a particular party.

On an annual basis all councillors have to sign and complete a register of interests and  
abide by a Model Code of Conduct based on the Nolan principles of Selflessness, Integrity,  
Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership. The Council is a corporate  
body with legal existence of its own, quite separate from that of its members and the  
decisions that it makes are the responsibility of the whole body.

The Council has to abide by Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and must also  
consider when making decisions that they will not impact on crime and disorder. It is widely  
known that Members of the Council do not receive allowances for their work on the Council  
but may claim travel allowance for conducting Council business outside of the Filey area.

In addition to full council meetings councillors also serve on the Council's five committees, Finance and General Purposes, Property, Planning, Staffing and Strategic Planning. Members also act as Council Representatives on many Groups/Working Parties and also attending meetings with other agencies.

Regular liaison meetings are held with the leader of Scarborough Borough Council Cllr Tom Fox and the Chief Executive Mr Jim Dillon giving members the opportunity to raise matters of concern relating to Filey.

Monthly walkabouts take place to highlight matters regarding the maintenance of roads and footpaths with Mr Nick West NYCC Area Highways Manager arranged by County Councillor Sam Cross and attended by members of the Town Council. Traffic management meetings are also held with officers from NYCC.

The local police attend full Council meetings providing the Council with monthly crime figures and details. Under the leadership of Sgt Chris Gosling we have a team of police officers in Filey that we can all be proud of.

It is also pleasing to see residents attending the Council meetings to listen to our debate and also to ask questions over matters that are of concern to them. Full Council meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month, commencing at 7pm and everyone is made very welcome.

In this busy year we have seen the following developments and improvements in the Town.

#### **New Public Toilet**

I am sure that we all welcome the new toilets in the Town centre; we in Filey have certainly bucked the trend. As a Council we have worked hard over many years in order to have the provision of this new facility.

#### **Catenary Lighting**

With the new power saving LED bulbs now in place there is coloured along the Crescent and around the Bandstand with all white along the sea front. It looks brilliant!!!

#### **Decorative Lighting**

Members of the Town Council's Decorative Lighting Group had the Town sparkling at Christmas with new decorative lighting. A 30 foot Christmas tree gifted by Scarborough Borough Council stood in the gardens in Station Avenue. There were new artificial Christmas trees lighting up Murray Street and John Street. My thanks go to all members of the working party.

#### **New Bridge at Bridge Hole**

Installation work is now complete on the new bridge at Bridge Hole. Borough Ward Cllr Mike Cockerill oversaw the work and supplied the Town Council with regular progress reports.

#### **Sea Wall**

Filey was extremely lucky to escape the bad weather with only minor damage to the sea wall which was quickly made secure and repairs are well under way.

#### **Filey Town Bus Service**

I am pleased that the Council followed the recommendation by the Finance Committee to financially support the Town Bus Service. All members agreed that Mr Galway the bus operator not only delivered a good service to the bus passengers, but will also help to maintain the local economy. The Council welcomed the financial contribution made by Scarborough Borough Council towards this very worthwhile project which now secures the local bus service for a period of two years.

### **Yorkshire Day**

The Town Council organised a new event this year to celebrate Yorkshire Day on the 1 August with our Town Crier reading the 'Yorkshire Declaration' in the Memorial Gardens and flying the Yorkshire Flag which was followed by Filey's 'Ramshackle Shanty Men' entertaining us. We had special Yorkshire Day sand sculptures on the beach and many local groups organised their own events on a Yorkshire theme. I thank Cllr Susan Bosomworth, the Deputy Mayor for overseeing this event whilst my wife and I were very proud to represent Filey at the Yorkshire Day celebrations in Skipton with Town Mayors from all over Yorkshire.

### **New Family**

Yes we have a new family in town, not flesh and blood but British Oak. The Squirrel Family a group of wood carvings that stand at the entrance to Glen Gardens on West Avenue. My thanks go to 'The Friends of Filey Parks' for supplying this welcome addition to the sculpture trail in Filey.

### **Town Guide**

The 2014/2015 edition of the Filey Town Guide is now available. I would like to thank all members of the Town Guide Working Party for their work on the project, it is a fantastic publication with something of interest for residents and visitors. Thank you to the local businesses who advertise in the guide and I hope that we can rely on your continuing support.

### **Honorary Citizens**

In 2014 two persons have been nominated to become an Honorary Citizen of Filey. The award is given for outstanding service and commitment to the community of Filey. The awards ceremony will take place in July. Sadly this year Honorary Citizen Mr Albert Skinner passed away, Albert will be sadly missed by the community, his colleagues in the Salvation Army and his family members.

The Town has looked wonderful this summer mainly due to the fantastic job by the team of gardeners led by John Sellers who work extremely hard in order to keep our outdoor areas so attractive. The Filey in Bloom Group also play a major role. Congratulations to the group for in 2013 they were awarded a 'Gold Medal' at the Yorkshire in Bloom Awards. In 2014 they have achieved a place in the National Finals in the Britain in Bloom competition. There are many local groups and organisations, too many for me to mention within the area who make Filey a lovely place to live as well as to visit. I commend each and every one of them for their work in the town.

I congratulate The Filey Flood Working Party under the Chairmanship of Cllr Mike Cockerill for making good progress with the Flood Alleviation Scheme. Talks have been held with the landowners in the town, consultants are now on board for the ground investigations, work has been carried out on temporary water storage areas with bore holes and trial pits dug along the expected routes of the swales.

I would like to thank a number of people, Mr David Bull our splendid Town Crier, David does such a tremendous job promoting events in the town, also for his work as Bandstand Supervisor with the Filey Town Council Sunday Band Concerts.

I thank Mr Michael Fearon, the Curator of Filey Museum and also the Trustees and volunteers who help at the Museum, an asset which Filey can be very proud of.

I pay tribute to the partnership working with our Ward councillors, Borough Ward Cllr Mike Cockerill and Borough Cllr Sam Cross who are always striving to get the very best deal for Filey from Scarborough Borough Council. I also thank Cty Cllr Sam Cross for his support as a North Yorkshire County Councillor. I also thank the many Officers of both the Borough

Council and the Town Council who work very closely with the Town Council and in particular our Borough Council Liaison Officers Mr Paul Thompson and Mr Andy Crossley.

I will take this opportunity to also thank my fellow Town Councillors for electing me as your Town Mayor, it has been a thrilling experience for me and I have enjoyed every minute. Susan my wife stepped up to the mark and supported me as my Mayoress at the many events which we have attended and I thank her most sincerely.

My deputy this year is Cllr Susan Bosomworth and along with her daughter Natalie have deputised for me on several occasions and I wish to thank them for that. I was highly delighted when fellow councillors elected Susan as deputy because I knew that she would willingly offer me her support, and that support has been very much appreciated.

The council staff, Gina, Maureen, Sharon, Health and Safety Risk Advisor Mr Ken Leathley and the caretaker Richard all gel together in order to ensure that the council offices are maintained at the high level that councillors have come accustomed to and that the council acts professionally at all levels. I would like to thank officers and staff for their support and guidance that I have received from them all.

A resident enquired as to whether the Town Council had looked at the future of the town bus service beyond the first two years and Cllr Shackleton replied that this would be reviewed annually but the Town Council could not budget any further in advance for this excellent service.

Members at this point thanked Boro Cllr Cockerill for the new bridge at bridge hole which was as near to the original as possible and also for the new catenary lighting on the seafront and on the bandstand. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that it was hoped to have the footway lighting on the seafront matching the catenary lighting in the near future.

#### **REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 2013/2014 BY COUNCILLOR JOHN SHACKLETON**

The Finance & General Purposes Committee together with Mrs Gina Robinson, the Councils Responsible Financial Officer reviewed all budget headings in order to make efficiency savings wherever possible for the forthcoming financial year. All of the Councils utility services have been switched to better tariffs, these along with other measures taken by the Town Council have placed it in a strong position to manage the current financial pressures in order that it does not have to increase its precept to local tax payers for the next financial year.

I am pleased to report that the full Council supported the recommendation from the Finance Committee to offer financial support to the Filey Town Bus Service following the recent withdrawal of the bus subsidy by North Yorkshire Country Council.

The Town Council considered that the Filey Town Bus Service provides a vital lifeline for our older residents to gain access to the Doctors, Dentists, Post Office, local shops and services. Filey has approximately 38% of older residents living in the town and the service provided by Mr Colin Galway from Olympic Coaches is very much valued by this sector of our community. The Council as the main sponsor of the Town Bus Service has agreed to provide financial assistance of £6,000 per annum for the next two years. This offer will ensure that the bus service will continue, thus not only benefiting the users of the service but will also help to maintain the local economy.

In 2013/2014 Filey Town Council raised its precept by £10,000 in order to be able to make a pledge towards partnership funding for the Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme. In the forthcoming financial year of 2014/2015 Filey Town Council will use £6,000 of the additional precept which it levied last year to provide financial assistance towards the bus service. The Town Council are pleased that we have been able to financially support this scheme without

having to apply any increase in the precept and due to an increase in the number of properties eligible to pay Council tax, property owners will in fact benefit from a reduction of £1.71 per annum in 2014/2015, based on a Band D property. The Town Council will levy a total precept of £130,000 (which is made up of £122,880 precept and £7,120 discretionary grant).

Filey Town Council is also supporting local groups and organisations by awarding grants to the sum of £4,850 to support the local community through its financial assistance scheme and 14 groups will benefit from this scheme in 2014/2015.

As my year of office ends in May 2014 I would like to thank the present members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, the RFO Mrs Gina Robinson, all members of the admin team along with David Latham the internal auditor for all their hard work over the past year to ensure that the new financial year commences in a strong position.

Copies of the last fully Audited Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2013 are available in the annual report or from the Council Offices. The accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2014 will be made available for inspection by members of the public prior to the external audit; this date has been set by the External Auditors from between 9 May 2014 to 6 June 2014.

If you have any questions relating to the finances of the Town Council either I or the RFO Mrs Gina Robinson will endeavor to answer immediately, if unable the RFO or myself will be happy to see any member of the public during normal office hours.

A member of the public enquired as to whether this year's results and general balance was available and was informed that these figures were not available as they had to be internally and externally audited, following that they would be available.

Another member of the public commented on the £10k earmarked for the partnership flooding and enquired as to whether there were any plans for future funding contributions and was informed that this was unlikely.

Cllr Meek stated that the Town Council's precept had been reduced by 3.71% for 2014/15 and the Town Clerk stated that as there were now 100 more properties in Filey it had resulted in this Council Tax reduction for residents.

#### **REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE 2013-2014 BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD WALKER**

Filey Town Council is a consultee and makes recommendations on all planning applications to Scarborough Borough Council who make the final decision on all planning matters. The Planning Committee is made up of 8 Councillors and meetings are held on average twice a month. Planning Committee members receive regular training to keep up with ever changing legislation and are allowed to send a representative to the Borough Council's Planning Committee meetings at the Town Hall, Scarborough with three minutes to speak on any planning application relating to the Filey Parish. One instance of this was with regard to the proposal to build 5 properties at the rear of the former Police Station on Murray Street, and whilst the members of the Town Council's Planning Committee were opposed to this, unfortunately the application was approved.

Filey Town Council Committee meetings are held in the Council Chamber in Queen Street and are open to the public to attend who in turn are encouraged to ask questions relating to any planning applications on the agenda after first requesting this opportunity from the Chairman. Planning applications considered over the last year have been for extensions, conservatories, signage, planning in Conservation areas and the change of use of premises.

The Town Council receives documentation electronically from Scarborough Borough Council with design and access statements for the majority of the applications unfortunately we cannot scale any measurements from electronically received applications. The Planning Committee members have to find a fine balance between the planning laws and the real concerns of the local community and this we try to do on all our recommendations.

All applications are available to view on Scarborough Borough Councils web site and in the Town Council Offices in Queen Street for members of the public to view any questions on these being answered to our staff's ability or are directed to the relevant Officer dealing with the application at the Planning Department of the Borough Council for clarification.

A member of the public asked if the Town Council had the power of compulsory purchase and was informed that it had not. He then asked various questions regarding a housing application on the former Police Station car park which were all duly answered by Cllr Walker.

### **REPORT OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2013 – 2014 BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD WALKER**

Once again it has been a busy year for Members of the Property Committee who have conducted site visits and inspections to ensure that the high standards expected of a Quality Council are being adhered to by tenants and contractors to the following Filey Town Council properties throughout the past year:

- Filey Allotment and Garden Association
- The Lawns Cemetery
- Filey Museum
- Queen Street Garden
- Parish Wood
- Public and Commemorative Seating

Members have undertaken site visits to all locations throughout the year and have been accompanied by the Town Council's Health and Safety Risk Advisor who has given independent advice with regard to all health and safety legislation and guidelines.

Members have updated the 'Lawns Cemetery Regulations and Conditions' in consultation with members of the local clergy, funeral directors, memorial masons and cemetery contractors. Discussions have taken place with Scarborough Borough Council in regard to the Town Council taking on the responsibility for the cemetery overspill land to extend the cemetery.

Members took the decision to close Queen Street Garden to the public until such time as it has been assessed by a structural engineer as some subsidence of the path and bank has occurred.

Members have held meetings with members of the public and Filey Brigg Ornithological Group regarding land at the rear of Parish Wood in respect to the introduction of 'dogs on leads' by this group.

A new fire escape is currently being fitted at the rear of the Council Offices by the Strategic Group which will provide improved fire protection for those attending meetings in the Council Chamber.

The Town Council's Health & Safety Risk Advisor has together with members advised the Trustees of Filey Museum on fire prevention and procedures to be followed and this will be put in place, hopefully before Easter.

The Town Council continues to maintain over 400 commemorative seats in the town and funding is provided through a service agreement with Scarborough Borough Council.

I would like to thank all the members of the Property Committee for their continued and dedicated support, the Town Clerk and all the administrative team for their invaluable help and advice throughout the year and to Mr Ken Leathley, the Council's Health & Safety Risk Advisor for his outstanding dedication to providing health and safety reports for which he gives so much of his own time and effort to Filey Town Council for no remittance.

Cllr Marion Wright commented that the Town Council should be extremely proud of what they were responsible for as it was a feather in Filey's cap as other seaside resorts seemed to be going to rack and ruin. Mr Fearon thanked the Town Council who worked hard to ensure that the Museum was always fully compliant regarding fire risk and electrical safety. Cllr Wilkie stated that the Lawns Cemetery could have an increase in useage in the future due to the forthcoming closure of St Oswald's churchyard. A member of the public enquired about the cemetery overspill area and was informed that the Town Council were in discussions with the Borough Council regarding this area of land.

### **REPORT OF THE BANDSTAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2013-2014** **BY COUNCILLOR JOHN B CASEY**

Last year the Filey Bandstand enjoyed a very successful year and as we now enter our 2<sup>nd</sup> full year as Custodians of this fantastic community facility I am happy to make this report.

The Bandstand has been used for many varied things. These include; the famous Sunday Band Concerts, summer fayre's, young people's performances, folk music, food festival and it has also been used as the perfect backdrop for wedding photographs. Just ask the Town Clerk!

This committee is also responsible for the safety of the Bandstand and recent repairs and upgrades to the electrical supply have ensured its safe use for years to come.

Sponsorship of the Bandstand by local businesses and individuals has been very good again this year and I would personally like to thank all of our sponsors for their generosity and continued support. Sponsorship is a great investment that allows the committee to fully and properly manage this great feature of Filey.

To date, sponsorship has raised:

1. Businesses £1,000
2. Individuals £160

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mr David Bull for his time, effort and goodwill in relation to the Bandstand and in particular his involvement with the Sunday Band Concerts and supervision of other events held in the Bandstand. Also, Mrs Gina Robinson, the Town Clerk, without whom my job as Chairman would be so much harder.

A member of the public enquired whether the bandstand was on the Town Council's asset register and was informed that it was on the Borough Council's asset register as the Town Council had entered into a tripartite agreement with the Borough Council and the Filey Rotary Club. The Borough Council also insure the structure. Cllr Casey stated that this facility was well used and thanked the sponsors for their commitment.

### **REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCILS STAFFING COMMITTEE 2013/2014** **BY COUNCILLOR SUSAN BOSOMWORTH**

I am pleased to report that the Staffing Committee have had a very quiet year, thanks to the efficient way the Town Clerk and the team work together managing and providing the wide range of services on behalf of the Town council.

During the year the Staffing Committee has undertaken a comprehensive review of the employment policies and procedures applicable to all employees. These documents have been updated and amended in line with changes in legislation.

The clerk reported these changes to the staff and it was resolved that the amended documents would be compiled into a Staff Handbook to be distributed to members of staff.

All staff have undergone their annual appraisal and highlighted areas for their continued professional development.

It is unfortunate that, at this time, the criteria for achieving re-accreditation for Quality Status has not been finalised. Filey Town Council is proud to still hold this status and as soon as the new criteria are published we will be working towards re-accreditation.

My thanks go to my fellow committee members for their support over the year.

Cllr Bosomworth commented how efficiently the office team worked and thanked them for their assistance to her during her term of office. Cllr Wright enquired about Quality status and was informed that the re-accreditation should have taken place by now but the criteria was being reviewed at the present time.

### **REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE 2013 – 2014** **BY COUNCILLOR SUSAN BOSOMWORTH**

The committee have, over the past year, carried out its annual review of the Strategic Plan and made recommendations to Full Council on:

- a) The possibility of drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan (Localism Act 2011).
- b) To create a Filey Town Council logo to be used to promote the work of the Council, possibly working with students from Filey School or Yorkshire Coast College. Such a logo could be used by organisations and groups that are supported by the Council as the use of the council's Coat of Arms is only permitted to be used by the Town Council and not by anyone else.
- c) Progress made since the last review i.e. the building of the new toilets at the Evron Centre.

The criteria for nominating candidates for Honorary Citizens of Filey has been reviewed and changes made to the wording to reflect the candidates status at the time of nomination.

Policy reviews have also seen the addition of a Policy for dealing with Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Complaints and Complainants being recommended and adopted by the Council.

Long discussions took place on amending Standing Order 1(m) pertaining to the filming, recording and broadcasting Council meetings. Although the Council are in agreement "in principle" to the filming of meetings, it was decided, by the committee, to recommend to Full Council that until the draft regulations for the 'Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014' came into force, changes to Standing Orders would probably have to be revisited and changed again to provide the correct wording as advised by the regulatory bodies YLCA/NALC and so this will be reviewed again in possibly in May or June this year.

A review of the Standing Orders is scheduled to compare the Town Councils Standing Orders with the new Model Standing Orders issued by NALC. This will highlight the changes to be proposed to full council before adoption.

My thanks go to my fellow committee members and to the Clerk, Mrs Gina Robinson, for their continued help and support.

Cllr Bosomworth thanked her fellow Committee members for their hard work and the Clerk, Mrs Robinson for the production of the various documents.

A member of the public requested a copy of the vexatious complaints policy and enquired whether the Information Commissioner had been informed of this. He was informed that as

this was an internal policy he did not need to be informed. He enquired about the possible recording and broadcasting of future Council meetings and was informed that there would be a Policy drawn up for this in due course when further details on the legislation had been received.

### **REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Borough Councillor Cockerill stated that he had submitted a report which was contained within the Reports document and went on to state that Bridge Hole was not quite complete and that the Borough Council were looking at the replacement of the footway lighting on the seafront in the future. Questions were asked regarding the number of dog warden in Filey as the middle of the town had been bad recently and needed a blitz. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that there were 2 wardens but that this was an ongoing problem. Cty Cllr Cross commented that the dog warden had attended a recent Community & Police meeting and been informed that a Mr Russ Camm was taking over as senior Enforcement Officer who lives in the area and worked flexible hours to try and apprehend the culprits.

Cllr Haxby commented that some cobbles had washed out of Herring Hill slipway and hoped that the cobbles would be put back instead of the mass concrete. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that there would be a stable toe of concrete and setts put above this. He went on to state that there was not sufficient funding available to replace all the setts and totally disagreed with what had been done. Cllr Haxby stated that the Town Council had been promised that the cobbles would be replaced.

Borough Councillor Cross's report was included in the circulated document and he was asked how he was finding his first year as a UKIP representative to which Cllr Cross replied that members could act independently on behalf of their areas.

### **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Sam Cross had submitted a report which was contained within the Reports document and Cllr Wright complimented him for the cones in the road at the junction of Station Avenue and West Avenue, she considered this had been his eureka moment and did work to make drivers get in their right lanes and not turn right when in the left-hand lane. She went on to state that it would be a sad day for Filey when Mr Nick West retired as he had been a friend of Filey for a long time and hoped the Town Council would recognise this.

Miss Natalie Bosomworth commented on the cut backs on support services especially regarding Open Access to Youth and buildings and the Filey Youth Club in particular. Cty Cllr Cross stated that he was only one voice against 72 others and that cuts would be severe in the coming years but he assured her that Youth provision would be fought for.

Miss Bosomworth went on to state that the Youth Club had now re-opened for residential use. Cty Cllr Cross stated that he would put their case forward when these matters were being considered. Members re-iterated that they did not want to lose this building and its facilities.

Cllr Haxby enquired as to when the fence would be removed on Church Ravine to which Cty Cllr Cross replied that another site meeting to consider this was being held the following week with Mr West as the proposal to erect catch fencing had not worked.

A member of the public asked what role the County Council had played in saving the "little bus" and was informed by Cty Cllr Cross that this was saved by Mr Galway for as long as he operates this service he will get a contribution from Central Government in respect of the bus pass scheme via the County Council.

### **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Written reports had been received from the Police; Filey Community & Police Group; Filey Town Guide and Map; Decorative Lighting Scheme; Crimlisk Fisher Archives; Filey Allotment & Garden Association; Filey Bay Initiative; Filey Bay Traders and Filey Community Sports

Club Ltd and all had been photocopied into booklet format and circulated to the meeting. The majority of the written reports were taken as read.

### **Filey Community & Police Group**

Cllr Cross stated that their Chairman, Mr Mel Playforth had been in hospital and best wishes for a speedy recovery had been sent to him. Sgt Gosling was also thanked for all his input into these meetings. Miss Natalie Bosomworth enquired where dates of forthcoming meeting were published as these could be included in future editions of the Filey Bay Today booklet. She was informed that the office would make sure that she received a copy of these dates in the near future.

### **Filey Town Guide and Map**

Cllr Casey stated that this edition was an excellent publication and the Group would shortly be starting to look at the production of the Town Map. Boro Cllr Cockerill was asked to take a few copies to the Borough Council and he stated that he would give them to the Cabinet members. Members were also asked to take them to other areas of the country that they visited. Cllr Wilkie stated that the production of these were a team event.

### **Decorative Lighting**

Cllr Susan Bosomworth commented on how stunning the town trees had looked at Christmas and Cllr Marion Wright stated that lots of compliments had been received about the small trees above the shops. Cllr Wilkie also considered that the lighting of the trees down Cargate Hill and the Memorial Arch were also extremely effective. Cllr Wright stated that in the future it was proposed to light up the large tree in the Town Hall Gardens once outside funding had been secured as well as from local Groups and Organisations.

### **Crimlisk Fisher Archives**

A member of the public commented that Mr Brian Mulrine, the Archivist, had done a wonderful job since he joined the Archives and Cllr Meek stated that he was very knowledgeable.

### **Filey Allotment & Garden Association**

Cllr Casey was the Town Council representative on this Committee. No questions were raised.

### **Filey Bay Initiative**

Cllr Wilkie asked what feedback there had been from the Heritage Days and was informed a little but not much. He went on to enquire whether this would be an annual event and was informed that this had not been decided yet, there were however leaflets available for their summer walks and these would be left in the office for people to pick up.

### **Filey Bay Traders**

Miss Natalie Bosomworth stated that their meetings were held at 6pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Cllr Meek commented that the Filey Bay Today publication was better than the local newspaper as it had more information. Miss Bosomworth stated that there was a team of volunteers who collected all the information for the magazine and the comment was made by a member of the public that this was working well for the town. Cllr Susan Bosomworth commented that she was very proud of Natalie who worked very hard to ensure this publication was printed and distributed on time each month.

### **Filey Rotary Club**

Mr David Harrison, Rotary President stated that the Club was going through a period of change as the average age of the members was 78 and only fifty per cent of those were active. The Club had had to give up the Show as it could not be manned up to the usual standard. At the present time there were 4 prospective new members who could have

Associated membership for 12 months before making a final decision as to whether they joined or not. There was one young person going for a week on the Rotary Youth Scheme and had International links with a Club in France. Two successful events had been held this year and he held the position of President for the second time, which normally would not happen.

Cllr Shackleton wished him all the best during his term of office and Miss Natalie Bosomworth stated that she was pleased with the Rotary volunteers who assisted them at the Youth Club. Mr Harrison was asked what was the criteria for members of the Filey Rotary Club and was informed that this should be a person of good standing who played a prominent part in the community.

### **Filey Museum**

A verbal report was given by Mr M Fearon who stated that the Town Council owned and maintained the building which had recently been repainted. They were looking forward to opening at Easter 2014 as normal. Since their opening in 1971 there had been over 100,000 visitors to date. Mr Fearon then expressed his gratitude to the Town Council for all their assistance over the years.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DEBATE ON IMPORTANT ITEMS OF LOCAL ISSUE**

A member of the public commented that the town centre looked better than it has done for a long time with new shops and the enterprise of owners which were sadly let down by one of the premises in Belle Vue Street and asked if there was anything the Town Council could do. Boro Cllr Cockerill stated that the Borough Council's Environmental Health staff had investigated but did not consider it to be bad enough to do anything. Cllr Casey commented that on a recent walkabout with officers of the Borough Council and County Council they were informed that perhaps something could be put on the shop windows i.e. a painted scene, which would improve the situation.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No further items were raised therefore there being no further questions, the Town Mayor thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00pm.